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STUDENT SENATE

S15RS

SGR No. 10

By: SENATOR MADDEN

A RESOLUTION

TO URGE AND REQUEST LSU TO CHANGE SIGNAGE ON SINGLE STALL BATHROOMS TO "UNISEX" AND TO ENCOURAGE THE UNIVERSITY TO INCORPORATE UNISEX BATHROOMS INTO RENOVATIONS AND NEW BUILDINGS.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO FLAGSHIP 2020, LSU HAS A DUTY TO STRENGTHEN THE INTELLECTUAL ENVIRONMENT BY BROADENING THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF THE LSU COMMUNITY; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO PS01, LSU HAS A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL QUALIFIED PERSONS IN ADMISSION TO, PARTICIPATION IN, OR EMPLOYMENT IN THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH THE UNIVERSITY OPERATES WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, CLASS, CREED, COLOR, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY, OR VETERAN'S STATUS, AS WELL AS TO IMPLEMENT A PROCEDURE TO ADDRESS COMPLAINTS FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE THEY HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO DISCRIMINATION AND/OR HARASSMENT IN VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY ; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, IN SOME AREAS OF LSU'S CAMPUS, LSU HAS PROVIDED FACILITES AND ACCOMODATIONS TO FAMILIES IN ORDER TO MAKE UNIVERSITY LIFE MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR MANY LSU STUDENTS SUCH AS FAMILY HOUSING AND CHILD CARE; AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THERE ARE ONLY FOUR FAMILY RESTROOMS TO SERVE OVER 30,000 STUDENTS, 5,000 FACULTY AND STAFF, AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, SINGLE-STALL RESTROOMS WILL HAVE A DIRECT AND POSITIVE IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING INDIVIDUALS, AND WILL GIVE ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE WELCOMED TO LSU'S CAMPUS THE OPTION FOR GREATER PRIVACY AND SECURITY; AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, ACCESS TO FACILITIES HAS A DIRECT IMPACT ON A STUDENTS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND CAMPUS LIFE EXPERIENCE; AND

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, ACCESS TO FACILITIES HAS A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE JOB PERFORMANCE AND EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE OF FACULTY AND STAFF; AND

PARAGRAPH 8: WHEREAS, LSU IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH THE OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE THEIR FULL PARTICIPATION IN ALL ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY; AND

PARAGRAPH 9: WHEREAS, LSU RESPECTS THE PRIVACY OF THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE WELCOMED TO LSU'S CAMPUS

PARAGRAPH 10: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE TO URGE AND REQUEST LSU TO CHANGE SIGNAGE ON SINGLE STALL BATHROOMS TO "UNISEX" AND TO ENCOURAGE THE UNIVERSITY TO INCORPORATE UNISEX BATHROOMS INTO RENOVATIONS AND NEW BUILDINGS.

PARAGRAPH 11: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO DR. DERICK ROVARIS, VICE PROVOST FOR DIVERSITY AND CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER, DR. K.C. WHITE, ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR AND DEAN OF STUDENTS, DR. CHAUNDA ALLEN MITCHELL, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS, MAYLAN ALDANA, DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SUCCESS AND ASSESSMENT, AND LYNN LIVINGSTON, CHAIR OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ON GENDER EQUITY.

PARAGRAPH 12: THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY (ONE-HALF PLUS ONE) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.